

Remarks

This supplemental amendment is being submitted in conjunction with an information disclosure statement disclosing references which have recently been brought to applicants' attention.

The supplemental amendment takes account of the references cited in the information disclosure statement. In claims 1 and 2 in the definition of R^2 , the option for $R^2=OR^4$ has been replaced by $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ (with a corresponding change made the proviso in claim 1). These changes are supported by the inclusion of $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ in the definition of R^4 in the original specification.

It is respectfully submitted that it would be appropriate for the examiner to exercise his discretion to admit the present supplemental amendment under MPEP 714.03. The proposed changes to the claims are minor in nature, of themselves raise no new issues as to patentability, and, further, are believed to place the application in condition for allowance over the references disclosed in the accompanying information disclosure statements. Entry of the supplemental amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

The proposed claim amendments also would not change the identity of the claims readable on the elected species. Upon entry of the present supplemental amendment, claims 1, 2, 22, 90 and 91 would read on a compound of the elected species; claims 24 and 25 would read on processes of preparing the elected species; claim 35 would read on pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of the elected species; and claims 43, 45, 46, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56, 60, 62, 68, 70, 76, 77, and 84-89 would read on methods of treatment using the elected species.

Applicants' comments in support of patentability of the rejected claims made in response to the office action would apply with full force to the claims as presently herein amended.

Applicants respectfully submit that upon entry of the presently submitted supplemental amendment, the application would be placed in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully solicit the entry of the submitted amendment and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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